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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to weak in the Northeast, but steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was mixed, ranging slow to moderate, but may improve over the weekend and as first of the month approaches. In the East, buying activity and transportation were hampered in areas affected by adverse weather conditions. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate with heavier weights more available. In the parts structure, trading was limited to moderate. Breast items were close to tight, dark meat was in good balance to well cleared, and wings were adequate to fully sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 73.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 70.50 cents last year on January 28, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	165.00
BREASTS - B/S	160.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	90.00
LEG QUARTERS	31.50
WINGS	121.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate with mixed trading. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was active. Breast items and dark meat were barely adequate to tight and moving well at premium levels. Wings were in balance and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair as adverse weather conditions affected several areas in the Northeast. Offerings were adequate on smaller sizes; fully adequate to ample on the heavier sizes. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone ranged steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were in close balance to tight; dark meat cuts were well cleared. Wings were fully sufficient.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were moderate for the light trade interest. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate. Floor stocks were in balance to fully adequate. Weights were desirable to trending heavy. Parts interest was limited, best on breast cuts. Supplies of wings and leg quarters were in balance, breast cuts adequate to tight. The market tone was steady on dark meat and wings; steady to firm on breasts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was generally steady overall. Offerings at least adequate to cover needs. Retailer demand fairly good, best where featured. Floor stocks in fair balance. The market tone was steady to firm with boneless breast in the strongest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
WEEK ENDING 01/22/05			
EGGS SET	210,089	205,540	+02
CHICKS PLACED	172,652	165,515	+04

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 22, 2005. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 22, 2005. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through January 22, 2005 were 520 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 05-Mar-05 is estimated at 159.5 million head. This compares to 159.1 million head the previous week and to 156.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 155.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.52 cents per pound.

JANUARY 25, 2005

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JANUARY 26, 2005

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	662	151.00-230.00	155-159	160.66	BREAST - B/S	617	155.00-240.00	160-162	164.67
TENDERLOINS	217	115.00-170.00	123-127	127.06	TENDERLOINS	208	118.00-170.00	124-127	126.90
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	77.00-89.00	80-84	80.94	BREAST - LINE RUN	105	80.00-84.00	80-82	80.76
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	74	35.00-49.00	36-37	37.93	LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	551	26.00-31.00	27-28	27.52	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	511	26.00-30.00	27-28	27.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	955	28.00-35.00	29-30	29.31	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,904	27.00-35.00	29	29.04
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	117.00-122.00	119-120	119.52	WINGS (WHOLE)	295	119.00-125.00	120-124	122.25
WINGS (CUT)	658	134.00-139.00	135-137	135.97	WINGS (CUT)	612	134.00-140.00	135-139	136.61
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
*****					*****				
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR					F.O.B. DOCK.				
*****					*****				
RANGE					RANGE				
48.00 - 55.50					46.00-52.50				
TODAY'S AVERAGE					TODAY'S AVERAGE				
50.69					48.79				
*****					*****				
*****					5-DAY AVERAGE				
*****					48.91				

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly moderate during midweek trading as dealers assessed market conditions as adverse weather conditions continued to hamper transportation throughout parts the Northeast. Offerings of breast items were in close balance to tight. Wings were generally sufficient. Boneless thighs and thighs continued in good balance to well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate, best when centering around scattered feature activity. The market tone continued firm to higher on breast items; fully steady to firm on dark meat cuts.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. JANUARY 25, 2005 CURRENT NEG WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	155.48	618,930	BREAST - B/S	165-170	151.65	740,244
TENDERLOINS	120-125	117.89	119,160	TENDERLOINS	125	124.51	186,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	88.30	109,360	BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	90.86	126,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	88.29	142,120	BREAST - LINE RUN	87	89.94	144,960
LEGS	43-44	43.69	192,320	LEGS	44-45	41.33	442,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.86	436,728	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	32.16	411,335
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.36	192,320	DRUMSTICKS	29-30	36.12	135,020
THIGHS	35-36	45.37	61,160	THIGHS	36-37	44.41	64,280
B/S THIGHS	93-94	87.69	76,880	B/S THIGHS	94-95	89.48	84,700
WINGS (WHOLE)	115-116	127.34	89,560	WINGS (WHOLE)	115-116	126.80	136,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.88	24,640	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.54	40,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.50	17,560	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.17	18,280
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.40	32,040	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.22	26,640

***** INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	3,894	3,950	4,019	4,455	5.32	5.24	3,585	4.67
Arkansas	5,070	5,369	5,216	4,886	5.11	4.72	4,897	5.05
Delmarva	2,229	2,192	2,099	2,422	5.65	5.51	2,269	6.59
KY-LA-TN	2,168	2,160	2,180	2,270	5.19	5.11	2,158	4.87
Mississippi	2,813	2,817	2,897	3,375	5.48	5.56	3,037	4.83
North Car	2,402	2,523	2,258	3,797	6.52	6.56	2,523	6.66
Texas	2,402	2,392	3,174	2,378	5.40	5.17	2,196	5.26
Total	20,978	21,403	21,843	23,583	5.45	5.40	20,665	4.89
Mon-Wed	63,760(A)						56,689(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Jan-05 is estimated to be 31,385,000 head up 1.21 percent from a week ago and up 6.43 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,010,000, last year 29,489,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	63-71
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	103-105
	DRY PACK	103-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	89-95
DUCKS		175-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Jan-05

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/29/05 (1)	01/22/05
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	157,884 (2)	157,130
Light hens	1,435	1,526
Heavy hens	1,066	1,223
Total	160,385	159,879

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Jan-05 is 162.4 million head compared to 152.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.2 million head or 4.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 05-Feb-05 the estimated available is 162.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 01/24/05	69,885	47,484
AM 01/01/05	59,916	54,376
CHG	9,969	-6,892
PCT CHG	17	-13

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/24/05	01/17/05	01/26/04	01/24/05	01/17/05	01/26/04
PACIFIC						
COAST	1,231	3,960	6,255	7,348	4,091	4,188
LOS						
ANGELES	70	51	429	4,021	1,493	1,917

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2005

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	74-78
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	76-83

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**FOR 01/25/05**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.20	.25	.22	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.00	.77	RABBITS ea.	-	1.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	.60	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	16					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 21, 2005

	<u>Whole Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>Legs W/ Thighs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs & Wings</u>	<u>Livers/ Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	72.72	121.20	88.88	20.20	12.12	52.52
High	74.34	133.32	92.92	24.24	14.14	52.52
Mostly	74.34	129.28	88.88	20.20	14.14	52.52

SAN JUAN

Low	73.53	125.24	80.80	24.24	12.12	50.50
High	75.15	133.32	96.96	28.28	16.16	50.50
Mostly	74.34	129.28	88.88	26.26	14.14	50.50

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	74.34	121.20	88.88	20.20	8.08	52.52
High	75.15	133.32	92.92	28.28	12.12	52.52
Mostly	74.34	125.24	92.92	24.24	12.12	52.52

BECERRA

Low	72.72	129.28	92.92	24.24	12.12	50.50
High	74.34	137.36	96.96	32.32	18.18	50.50
Mostly	74.34	133.32	92.92	28.28	16.16	50.50

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole was no better than fair and was being affected by adverse weather conditions in several areas of the Northeast. Seller offerings were adequate to ample, and were often competitively priced in an effort to stimulate additional activity. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to weak. In the parts complex, breasts items continued to clear well. Leg cuts were adequate to closely cleared. Wings were fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	67-89
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	74.70
NO. OF BOXES	7,265

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